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From: Chow, James
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Hamjian, Lynne; Greene, Cynthia; Bird, Patrick
Subject: FW: Algonquin Gas Transmission Force Majeure Request - Weymouth Compressor Station

Lynne, per our conversation. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Sounds good. No need for a briefing. Will sign when you get it to me thanks

From: Chow, James <chow.james@epa.gov>
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Dennis,

Heads up regarding the Weymouth Compressor Station.

Algonquin Gas is asking for an extension of time to conduct an initial performance test for their natural gas compression station in Weymouth due to force majeure. According to Algonquin, they should be conducting this by Mon, Nov 23, but they are unable because of an order issued by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) on Oct 1 subsequent to emergency shutdown events that occurred on Sept 11 and 30 while they were powering up.

The circumstances seem to allow for an extension. We have discussed the proposed extension with MassDEP and OECA, and they have no concerns.

There is significant public interest with the station, but given that Algonquin is shutdown and unable to operate and test, approval seems straightforward.

Approval for this type of request has not been delegated below the RA, so the approval letter would need your signature.

We're working on a draft letter, but wanted to check in first to ask if you'd like a quick briefing. Ideally, Algonquin would like our decision by Nov 23 to avoid non-compliance.

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